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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 17TH, 1909.

A VERY interesting article is published in the *Review des deux Mondes* from the pen of Mr. FELIX KLEIN, in which he deals with the relations between Japan and the United States, more especially in connection with the immigration question, which not long since attracted so much attention, but also in respect to the general relations of the two countries as to the Pacific. While taking a very moderate view of the causes which are likely to lead to friction between these two nations, Mr. KLEIN is by no means inclined to lessen their gravity or to ignore unpleasant facts, either in the past or in the not very distant future. He recognises fully the acuteness of the feeling which was evoked in Japan by the exclusion of Asiatics from the schools in San Francisco, but, on the other hand, gives full weight to the general friendliness which has always subsisted between the two countries, and which it may be reasonably hoped will go far in the future, as it did on that particular occasion, to smooth over such difficulties as may arise. At the same time, he does not disguise that this question, though it may be put aside for a time, is one of which it is very difficult to see a complete solution. He points out that in the United States the Asiatic question is one which is not likely, unless some radical change takes place in the views of the people, to be capable of modification. It differs in an essential way from the negro question, to which some sort of solution, though by no means a perfect one, has been

found. Upon this point Mr. KLEIN remarks that it would be an error to suppose that the opposition to the Yellow races is merely the prejudice of one particular class. The idea of the United States is to form, from very divergent elements, a people who will possess a unity, and as a whole will govern itself, without distinction of fortune, trade, or origin. "Everything which goes counter to such a unification and cannot be assimilated, compromises the working of the whole—the health of the body politic—and should therefore be eliminated." As experience proves, the different white races who adopt America as their country do assimilate themselves in an extraordinary way to her civilization, but on the other hand, the black and yellow races are impervious to this influence and do not unite with the white population. This difficulty is very different as it regards the negro population and the yellow races, as the former do not belong to any outside nation of such importance or power that any complaints as to their being deprived of full civil rights will be made. If the negroes were still in Africa a good exclusion law would meet the difficulty, and "even if the Republic of Liberia were offered at it, this would not very much trouble the United States."

In respect to the number of the Asiatic immigrants in the United States, which is estimated at about 140,000, it is pointed out that though this appears a small matter as compared with the 80 million inhabitants of the country, it must not, in judging of its effects, be considered in reference to the total population of the United States, but as it bears upon the comparatively still sparse populations of California and Oregon, where the Asiatic immigrants are concentrated and to which they have more easy access by sea than the Americans from the East have by land. The difficulty of the Asiatic immigration question in the United States is not lessened by the undoubted fact, to which attention is forcibly directed, that, say what people will, Asiatic labour is greatly required there. As Mr. KLEIN puts it: "They may not be liked, but after all they are wanted." This is recognised by those who are opposed to them in the United States, and is the cause which induces the Chinese and Japanese to leave their own countries and to be willing to submit to "draconian" conditions of labour in a foreign land. They do not leave their native countries by caprice, but by necessity and because they cannot find means of subsistence in them.

As to the chances of the difficulty which he has fairly pointed out becoming mitigated as time goes on, Mr. KLEIN speaks with the reserve that is to be expected in dealing with so intricate a matter. On the whole, however, he considers that the good sense of both parties may safely be relied upon to avert the possibility of any resort to force for, at all events, some years to come. Neither party is desirous of going to extremes; and, as before observed, Japan and the United States have always been upon terms of mutual friendship and confidence. Under such circumstances, it may fairly be hoped that the good sense of both parties will find some means of coming to an understanding that may be satisfactory to both sides, and will diminish the acuteness of the position which has for some time past been felt. There is no doubt that not only as regards the immigration question, but in respect to trade interests, there is a likelihood for some years to come of there being considerable rivalry between the Western States and Japan. But it is not to be overlooked that if there are some things in which they must of necessity be rivals there are also very many in which they have common interests, and by careful management and wise diplomacy, it may be reasonably hoped that the latter will prevail. With respect to the ultimate solution of the difficulties pointed out, Mr. KLEIN throws out a suggestion, which, at first sight, seems somewhat Utopian; but which is still worthy of some consideration. He thinks it possible that the Japanese may be converted to Christianity, and may so far change their moral and social ideas that the barrier between them and the white races will be removed, and that they may then be welcomed in the United States in the same way as strangers from all other parts are welcomed. It even goes so far as to throw out the idea that Japan may not only adopt Christianity herself, but may be the means of causing it to spread in China and in other Asiatic countries. There are undoubtedly some signs which may lead to a hope of this kind; but it certainly cannot be realised in the near future, and Mr. KLEIN frankly admits the difficulty of dealing with a question of so speculative a character. At the same time he takes a sanguine view of the effects which Christianity may be destined to produce. After reviewing what has been accomplished in the past he concludes by expressing the opinion that it would make

a vast stride in Japan, if once the Missionaries found means of enlisting the services of native catechists and ecclesiastics. This, in fact, is already done to a great extent. "After all," he concludes "what nation in the past has become and continued Christian by following any other method? From the day when they have a Japanese clergy and episcopate, Japan will probably not have much hesitation in embracing Christianity, and, herself converted, will be able to evangelise far better than we can hope to do so, Korea, China, and, indeed, the whole of the Far East."

H.E. the Governor dines with the stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club on Monday night.

The five men charged with being concerned in the death of a cotton operative at East Point were yesterday committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Two gangs of gamblers crowded the Magistrate's court yesterday. One lot numbered 24 and the principals were fined \$50 and the others \$5 each. The second lot consisted of 23, and similar penalties were imposed.

The attention of members of the local football clubs is directed to an advertisement in another column of a meeting to be held on the 24th inst. for the transaction of business in connection with the Challenge Shield.

A sampan which anchored in the southern fairway on Wednesday was nearly run down by one of the Canton steamers. The owner appeared before the Magistrate yesterday charged with anchoring in the fairway and was fined \$4.

At the Marine Court yesterday Frank Downs, master of the s.s. *Juteopolis*, presented Hans Kristensen for disobeying lawful orders. Defendant was found guilty, and fined two days' pay and sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment with hard labour.

Considerable structural alterations are being made at present in Victoria Gaol. Practically the whole of the central portion, where the offices are situated, is being reconstructed, and the work is being carried out by prison labour. One of the features of the proceeding is the figure of an Indian guard, armed with rifle, keeping watch from an overlooking roof.

The two men who were on Wednesday fined for being in possession of opium which they were found secreting in Conduit Road were yesterday sentenced to two months' imprisonment each for having a printing die in their possession for applying a false trade description to opium, purporting that the opium came from the Opium Farm.

A Selangor Government Gazette Extraordinary notices a change in the import duties on opium. From December 1st, the duty will be \$1,600 per chest of forty balls, and \$1,600, per chest or packet weighing 120 catties. The import duty on opium has hitherto been \$560 per chest of forty balls. The average yield of pure chandu from one half of opium is estimated at 28 taels or 37½ ounces.

A test case came before Mr. Wood at the Magistrate's court yesterday when a private ricksha coolie was charged with using the private ricksha in question to ply for hire. It was stated by the police that the defendant had arrangements with certain parties to take them to and from the Ferry wharf and the ricksha coolies naturally protested against the practice of the defendant. His Worship discharged the defendant with a caution.

H.E. the Governor gives an Official Dinner to-night to which the following have been invited:—Admiral the Hon. Sir Hedworth Lampton, Colonel the Hon. C. Lampton, Colonel the Hon. W. Lampton, Captain Clinton Baker, Commander Norris, Mr. H. Mullen, Commodore, Mrs. and Miss Lyon, Major-General Sir Henry Rawlinson, Admiral Barry, U.S.N., Capt. J. M. Orchard, U.S. S. *West Virginia*, Captain J. Pond, U.S. S. *Pennsylvania*, Mr. W. A. Glasford, Mr. and Mrs. Rublee, Mr. G. L. Tottenham, M. F. B. L. Bowley, Dr. Thomson, Captain and Mrs. Lyons, Sir Henry and Lady May, Mr. and Mrs. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Ram, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Pinckney, Rev. and Miss Spink, Captain and Mrs. Addison, Captain and Mrs. Bell, H.E. Major General Broadwood, Captain Heathcote, Dr. and Mrs. Voretzsch and Mr. Fletcher.

An interesting case was heard at the Magistrate's court yesterday before Mr. E. R. Hallifax. Acting Sergeant Grant prosecuted a well-dressed Chinese, who was said to be a compradore in the service of Sir Paul Chater, with being in possession of a shot gun. As the licence for the gun was produced in Court, his Worship suggested that the summons be withdrawn, but as the defendant preferred a charge of assault against the police officer Mr. Hallifax decided that the case should be more fully heard, which was done later in the day. The policeman's story was that he was approached by a ricksha coolie, who informed him that he had taken a fare to a Chinese club and the latter had not paid him. When he tried to enter the club he was driven off by the foks. The officer went into the club to find the man and was accosted by defendant, who challenged him for being on the premises without permission. Sgt. Grant then noticed the gun standing in a corner and asked if defendant had a licence for it. As he could not produce it the officer took possession of the weapon. The defendant alleged that the officer struck him in the chest.

A storekeeper was at the Magistrate's sent to prison for one month for selling a pair of biscuits which had recently been stolen from the naval store at Kowloon.

In some notes on the recent Interport Cricket festival the *Singapore Free Press* says: "A high tribute of praise is paid to the Hongkong side, but it was generally felt that on a Singapore ground matters might have been very different. By the way, when are we going to get Hongkong down here? So far it has been a succession of visits for us up north, and there is really such a difference in ground and surroundings that we are due a festival. Perhaps it will be possible to arrange one which will include Bangkok in the participants as well, though one supposes it is too much to expect Shanghai to come all the way."

## LOCAL SPORT.

## CRICKET TRIANGULAR LEAGUE.

NAVY V. GARRISON.  
Considerable interest was shown in the first match of the series of triangular contests on the part of the Navy, Garrison and Hongkong Club teams, and the meeting yesterday was productive of very fine cricket. The pitch was, of course in excellent condition. The Military won the toss and decided to bat first. They sent in a strong combination and a phenomenal stand was made, Baird scoring 125 before he was dismissed, and Power reached his third century this season, in each case retiring not out.

THE GARRISON.	
Capt. Healey, b. Mullen	31
Stafford, b. Mullen	144
Capt. Garnett, b. Mullen	0
Capt. Baird, b. Mullen	125
Capt. Crawford, b. Mullen	0
Capt. Chapman, not out	41
Extras	39
Total (4 wickets)	370

THE NAVY.	
Rev. Mandell, b. Garnett	43
Asst. Paym. Oliver, b. Baird	0
Comdr. Lewis, b. Baird	119
Lt. Noble, b. Addison	57
Lt. Jervis, b. Addison	0
Lt. Mullen, not out	26
Extras	23
Total (5 wickets)	269

Bowling Analysis.			
	O.	M.	R.
Baird	15	1	61
Garnett	13	0	101
Bagnall	16	0	56
Addison	7	2	34

## GOLF.

A match between the Royal Hongkong Golf Club and the United Services took place at Happy Valley on the 12th inst. with the following results:—

SINGLES.	
Royal H.K. Golf Club	United Services.
A. W. Walkinshaw	0 Lt. Monteith
E. O. Hutchinson	1 Lt. Col. Chamier
J. Johnstone	1 Mjr. Caulfield
M. A. Murray	0 Mjr. Close
W. Ironside	0 Comdr. Boucher
G. E. Anton	1 Lt. Bedwell
J. Douglas	0 Capt. Chapman
A. Morley	0 Lt. Bagnall

FOURONES.	
Walkinshaw & Hutchinson	1 Lt. Monteith & Major. Close
Johnstone & Murray	1 Lt. Col. Chamier & Mjr. Caulfield
Ironside & Anton	0 Comdr. Boucher & Lt. Bedwell
Douglas & Morley	0 Capt. Chapman & Lt. Bagnall

## RECOLLECTIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Sir Robert Anderson, K.C.B., in his recollections in *Blackwood's Magazine*, gives some amusing peeps behind the scenes at the Home Office at the time he was employed there. He says:—Once of the senior clerks with whom I struck up a friendship remonstrated with me for my activity and zeal. On his first joining the department, as he told me, the then chief clerk impressed him that the way to get on in the Civil Service was to do as little as possible, and to do it as quietly as possible. And he himself proposed by acting on that excellent advice. Whether Sir Robert accepted the advice tendered he does not say. But Sir Robert goes on to point out that "not a few of the clerks were habitual idlers." The office hours were from eleven to five. It was a nominal eleven and a punctual five, and much of the intervening time was devoted to luncheon, gossip, and the newspapers. Matters of public interest also claimed attention, such as, for instance, the future of public men who happened to be then coming into notice. And, as a relief from such grave questions, bets were made as to whether more vehicles would pass up the street or down the street within a specified time, or as to the colour of the horses.

On Sir Robert Anderson's arrival one morning at the office he found a note from Sir James Ferguson's private secretary—his intimates called him "Creper"—announcing that at three o'clock precisely an old hat, lately the property of the Chief Clerk, would be kicked off from the end of the corridor, and requesting the favour of Sir Robert's presence. When Sir Ben struck three Sir Robert heard "Creper's" cheery voice ring out, "All on side! Play!" They all turned out, and the game began. On emerging from an unusually hot "sevens" game, Sir Robert became conscious of the presence of a stranger at his side, a timid little Frenchman, who meekly inquired, "Is this the office for de naturalisation?" Sir Robert said, "it was." "Making hay" in a parlour room at the Home Office was one of the stock amusements in Sir Robert's time. On coming back from London one day he found every movable article of every kind which his room contained piled up on his table, and Lord Granville's private secretary, Mr. (afterwards Sir Robert) Meade—standing in the middle of the floor surveying the pyramid. He had called on some important Foreign Office business. This was too much for Sir Robert. He told no tale, but he represented to the Chief that he found it very inconvenient to be upstairs, and a room on the main floor was again assigned to him. Sir Sir Robert adds that the new Home Office "from its main plan down to its smallest detail is absolutely unsuited to the purposes for which it was intended."

## TELEGRAMS.

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[REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG  
DAILY PRESS."]

THE METRIC SYSTEM FOR  
CHINA.

LONDON, December 16th.

A Paris dispatch states that the Chinese Minister attended the office of the International Board of Weights and Measures to take formal possession of the Metric standard in connection with the introduction of the metric system in China.

THE CONDITION OF KING  
LEOPOLD.

LONDON, December 16th.

News from Brussels states that owing to an old intestinal complaint, the operation performed on the King was not so successful as was hoped, and His Majesty's condition appears to have become worse.

LATER.

A Brussels telegram dated midnight, states that the condition of the King is improving.

GREAT BRITAIN AND THE  
BAGHDAD RAILWAY.

LONDON, December 16th.

Sir Ernest Cassel is at Berlin, and is believed to be negotiating for British participation in the Baghdad railway.

DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM  
DES VREUX.

LONDON, December 16th.

The death is announced of Sir William Des Vieux, who was Governor of Hongkong from 1887 to 1891.

DEATH OF BISHOP  
AWDRY.

LONDON, December 16th.

The death is announced of the Rt. Rev. William Awdry, who was Bishop of South Tokyo 1898-1908.

[Dr. Awdry was Bishop of Southampton before he came out to Japan in 1896 as Bishop of Osaka. He resigned the See of South Tokyo owing to ill-health. Dr. Awdry was 67 years of age.]

## INDIAN AND BURMAH COTTON.

An Allahabad correspondent writes:—It seems likely that the demand for Indian cotton will be exceptionally great when the exporting season sets in. Not only is there a serious shortage in the American crop, but Egypt is expected to supply five thousand tons less than last year. The ravages of the boll-worm seem to be chiefly responsible for the smaller yield in the Lower Nile Valley. It may be noted as an extraordinary development arising from the original position of the trade that the American mills are said to be enquiring for Indian cotton.

The third forecast of the cotton crop in Burma for the year 1909-10 says:—The third forecast of the principal cotton producing districts shows 195,237 acres under cotton, a decrease of 3,920 acres as compared with last year's estimate, and 6,963 acres less than the estimate in this year's second forecast. The cause of the fall is found in Thanyaw, where last month's estimate of 20,061 acres has been reduced to 12,355 acres. As a partial set-off against this are small increases in Minbu and Myingyan.

The season has not been very favourable for cotton. Rainfall has been untimely and the early cotton has suffered some damage from excessive moisture. This has reduced the acre outturn in Sagging and Myingyan. The District Officers' estimates show that the total yield of clean cotton from the seven districts reporting will be 32,830 lbs. of 400 lbs. This total is 8,068 lbs. less than last year's revised estimate of 40,898 lbs.

## WRECK OF THE "KING GEORGE."

Particulars of the wreck of the British sailing ship *King George* in Santa Barbara show that she was bound for the United States with a miscellaneous cargo of Chinese goods, mostly shipped at Hongkong. As usual at this time of year, says the *Batavia Nieuwsblad*, the winds and currents there were contrary. A strong current caught the vessel and drove her ashore on a coral reef. She sprang several leaks and water soon entered the holds. A steamer which was sent to help, after several ships which passed by had refused to render any assistance, took off fourteen of the crew. Of the rest were rescued by a lifeboat. Of the cargo, the portion lying at the top can be saved. The master and one sailor are reported to have died. Reports are current at Batavia that the master killed himself.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Danish str. *Siam* left Sabang on the 15th inst. and may be expected here on or about the 26th inst.  
The C.P.R. str. *Montague* arrived at Vancouver on the 14th inst.

## SUPREME COURT.

Thursday, December 16th.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. H.H.J. GOMPERTZ  
(PUISNE JUDGE).

## CLAIM FOR COAL SUPPLIED.

The action was proceeded with in which Wing Hop and another sued Ng Yuen Ha to recover \$780.35 for coal supplied under a guarantee.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring, Harlow and Morrell) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Hinds (of Messrs. Brutton and Hett) represented the defendants.

Mr. Hinds informed his Lordship that the endorsement on the writ was for the price of coal, but it appeared that the plaintiffs were suing for the guarantee on a promissory note.

Mr. Almada—I am suing on the guarantee.

His Lordship—You are satisfied with your endorsement?

Mr. Almada—Yes.

Mr. Hinds—If my friend is satisfied I ask for judgment.

His Lordship—Has the promissory note been met?

Mr. Hinds—It has been endorsed over to another firm.

His Lordship—Has it been honoured?

Mr. Hinds—I am not instructed either way.

Mr. Almada—Payment has been made by the guarantor.

Mr. Hinds said the position was that there was a debt for coal for which the plaintiffs accepted a promissory note. There was no evidence that the defendant had gone guarantee for the coal; she had only guaranteed a promissory note.

His Lordship told Mr. Almada to amend his writ by adding a second count.

Mr. Hinds did not think there should be two counts against them. The plaintiffs ought to sue one way or the other.

His Lordship—Why not alternately? There is nothing against suing on several counts.

Before the case for the defence opened Mr. Almada wished to call a witness from the country named Leung Ts Chun.

Mr. Hinds objected. He had offered his friend an adjournment to get his witness.

Mr. Almada—He is a most important witness.

His Lordship—Why couldn't you get him on the first occasion?

Mr. Almada—Because he was away in the country.

His Lordship did not think Mr. Almada was entitled to call the witness after closing his case.

The defendant, in cross-examination, stated that she came to Hongkong from Australia about eight years ago. She was married immediately after her arrival, and had lived with her husband in Hongkong for the last five years. During that time her health had not been good. She was not educated in Chinese on account of the lack of facilities to acquire a Chinese education in the Commonwealth. She could speak the language, however, and could read a little, but she could not write it.

The hearing was adjourned *sine die*.

THE STARTING OF POLO IN  
ENGLAND.

It is ancient history now that one day in 1869, when the 10th Hussars were under canvas at Aldershot for the summer drills, Chicken Hartopp, lying back in a chair after luncheon reading the *Field*, exclaimed, "By Jove! this must be a good game" and read us a description of "hockey on horseback" in India. Some five or six of us who were in the tent then and there sent for our chargers, and started up some old heavy walking-sticks and a cricket-ball, and began to try to knock the ball about—a somewhat difficult thing to do properly, as they may be imagined, on a tall horse with a short stick, as, of course, we could not reach the ball. However, it appealed much to us, and resulted in our improvising a sort of long-handled mallet and having some wooden balls turned about the size of a cricket-ball. We then deputised Billy Chaine to go over to Ireland and get us some ponies, impressing upon him that they must be very quiet and laud, and under 14 hands, and that we did not mind their being a bit slow; for nobody at that time had any idea that you would be able "to go the pace" at the game. He returned with about seventeen ponies, and we set to work to try to fashion out a suitable ball and sticks and to play the game.

That started polo. The 9th Lancers were quartered at Aldershot, and we got them to come and try the game, and they promised to get ponies and play us a match later on. We returned to Hounslow, where we were quartered, and marked out a bit of ground on Hounslow Heath as a polo ground, and got a heavy roller and made it as level and as good as we could. I wonder what the polo player of the present day would say about that ground now? Any way, we were very pleased, and sent off a challenge to the 9th Lancers, who had got together some ponies and had been working at the game at Aldershot, and it was agreed that we should play a match at Hounslow. We played eight a side, without any rules—just think of it! and try to imagine what the game must have been like. We tried to put some sort of organisation into the game, which we rather based on that of



## HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held on yesterday in the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—  
HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, SIR FREDERICK JOHN DRAKE, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.  
HIS EXCELLENCY MAJOR GENERAL R. G. BRADWOOD, C.B.  
Hon. Sir F. H. MAY, K.C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).  
Hon. Mr. F. A. HAZELAND (Attorney-General).  
Hon. Mr. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).  
Hon. Mr. P. N. H. JONES (Director of Public Works).  
Hon. Mr. A. W. BEEVIN (Registrar-General).  
Hon. Mr. F. J. BADELEY (Capt. Superintendent of Police).  
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.G.  
Hon. Mr. E. OSBORNE.  
Hon. Mr. E. A. HENRY.  
Hon. Mr. MURRAY STEWART.  
Hon. Mr. Wai Yui, C.M.G.  
Mr. C. CLEMENTS (Clerk of Council).

MINUTES.  
The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.  
The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table Financial Minutes (Nos 57 to 59), and moved that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

FINANCIAL.  
The Colonial Secretary, by command of His Excellency the Governor, laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 20) and moved its adoption.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the motion was agreed to.

LIQUOR DUTIES REBATE TO THE SERVICES.  
The Colonial Secretary—I beg to move the resolution standing in my name under section 2 of the Liquors Ordinance Amendment Ordinance, No. 2 of 1909.

Resolved, that the sum of \$2,189 as an Import Allowance up to and including the 31st December, 1909, be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the Naval Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Naval Stores) consumed at the Royal Naval Canton.

Further resolved that the sum of \$10,268 as an Import Allowance up to and including the 31st December, 1909, be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the Naval Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Naval Stores) consumed at the Royal Naval Canton.

Further resolved that the sum of \$8,400 as an Import Allowance for the year 1910 be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the Naval Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Naval Stores) consumed at the Royal Naval Canton.

Further resolved that the sum of \$47,600 as an Import Allowance for the year 1910 be paid out of the Public Revenue of the Colony as a rebate in part of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors to the Military Authorities in respect of the duties paid on intoxicating liquors (not being Military Stores) consumed at the Military Messes and Canteens in the Colony or purchased by married officers or men borne on the strength of the Garrison for their own consumption.

The Colonial Secretary, in moving the resolution, said—Copies of the resolution have been circulated to members. The figures contained in the resolution are based on the return of consumption furnished by the naval and military authorities.

The Colonial Treasurer—in seconding, sir, I may state that in my opinion this amount should be treated as debit to revenue instead of an item in expenditure. This will make all the difference as to the payment of 20 per cent for the military contribution.

HIS EXCELLENCY—The point raised by the Hon. Colonial Treasurer will be referred to the Secretary of State, on whose ruling depends the final result. I shall be glad to recommend a point to his favourable consideration.

WIRELESS STATION ON PRATAS ISLAND.  
HIS EXCELLENCY—Gentlemen, I have to refer to the Council that the recommendation of the Government of a wireless station on the Pratras atoll. The Minister at Peking has been referred to the recommendation, and he in his matter to the consideration of the Board of Posts and Communications, and the latter now reply that the Viceroys of the Liang Kwang has been instructed to at once make the necessary arrangements. (Applause.)

THE STAMP ORDINANCE.  
The Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Stamp Ordinance, 1901."

The Colonial Secretary seconded.  
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—Sir, before the third reading is taken and the Bill passed into law, I have a few remarks to make. In the second reading I, together with the other hon. members, gave my support to the Bill, inasmuch as it would give people a tendency to take out letters of administration and probate within a reasonable time. Since then, however, it has been pointed out to me that the delay in taking out administration or probate is due to ignorance

of the law or to not knowing that the deceased had property in this Colony. This especially is the case with the relatives of a deceased person who reside in Canton and the interior of China. Ignorance as to the property of the deceased in this Colony is remedied by section 20 (a), which contains a provision making it necessary to satisfy a judge of the Supreme Court that due and reasonable diligence has been exercised in ascertaining the existence of property in this Colony but without success. Then the judge will not impose a penalty. As to ignorance of the law, I think we will have to devise some special means of making provisions of this Ordinance as widely known among the Chinese as possible. All the Ordinances are not translated beforehand and it will take some little time to translate and circulate this one. What I recommend the Government to do is to postpone the enforcement of this Ordinance until a translation has been made and copies distributed among the Chinese houses and shops in this Colony. It is well known that very few Chinese read the *Gazette* and very few read the European newspapers, and in order to bring the provisions of this Ordinance to the notice of Chinese in Canton and other parts of China as well as in Hongkong I think translation should be distributed, as it will encourage the Chinese to come forward to take out administration and probate and will also prevent hardships to the relatives of the deceased person who may not be aware of the law and will have as a consequence to pay three times the amount he would have had to at first.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yui supported.  
HIS EXCELLENCY—I take it that the motion which the hon. member who has just spoken desires to make is that the Bill should be recommitted for consideration of the last clause, which bears the date on which this Bill comes into operation.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—I propose that the Bill be recommitted with a view to considering the last clause.

Hon. Mr. Wai Yui seconded.

Council then went into Committee to consider the clause.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai moved that the clause should read that the Ordinance should come into operation on July 1st, so as to allow six months for translation of the Ordinance and distribution of copies among the Chinese community. He thought this would facilitate the enforcement of the Ordinance and that the time would not be lost.

The Colonial Treasurer was of opinion that six months was a very long time to allow for translation. It could be done in a fortnight. The Colonial Secretary agreed, and said that the trouble was not ignorance as advised, but the trouble which has been found by the officers who had to administer probate was that full disclosure was not made. It was not that a man did not make disclosure, but he did not make full disclosure.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai replied that that was provided for in the Ordinance.  
The Colonial Secretary said—The amendment would have to be proved, and that was a difficult thing to do in connection with this Ordinance. If it could be proved, they could prosecute a man before the Magistrate and get him imprisoned. This clause was another way of remedying the evil.

The Colonial Treasurer stated that the hon. member might not know that in the present Ordinance the principle of penalising for ignorance and carelessness is enforced to the extent of ten times the duty not paid. No one had ever objected to that on account of people not being aware of it.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai said he was only speaking on behalf of people residing out of the Colony who did not know the law.

The Colonial Treasurer said they could not recognise people outside the Colony.

HIS EXCELLENCY remarked that in such a case the person would have the opportunity of showing to the satisfaction of the Supreme Court.

The Attorney-General pointed out that the Ordinance did not take effect until after the interval of a year.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai asked what would be the result if a person did not know he had property here.

The Captain-Superintendent of Police said they could not teach Hongkong law to all in the Kwantung province.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai replied that if the Chinese here were given a little time they would be able to let people in the country know how matters stood.

The Colonial Treasurer pointed out that they knew it already.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai said he had been informed by a big firm of solicitors that they had several cases in which people did not know they had property in the Colony. One occurred within the past week in which a widow came here to take out probate six years after the death of her husband.

Hon. Mr. STEWART remarked that all the hon. member asked for was that action should be taken to render these cases as few as possible.

Hon. Mr. HENRY observed that if they agreed to this proposal they were opening a wide door, and equal time might be demanded so that all laws could be translated into Chinese and circulated not only in the Colony but among the neighbouring provinces.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai said he was not opposing the law. He simply wanted to make it known so that many hardships might be prevented.

HIS EXCELLENCY remarked that the Ordinance was very short, and he thought postponement until February 1st would give ample time for translation and distribution.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai asked if His Excellency would consent to March 1st.

HIS EXCELLENCY said this was only for the purpose of translation.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai added that he wanted due knowledge to be given to the Chinese.

The Colonial Treasurer said they might object to any criminal law on the same ground.

Hon. Mr. OSBORNE stated that it would be twelve months before any penalty would be inflicted.

Hon. Mr. STEWART thought the object would be served if a translation were made.

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai amended his motion to read March 1st.

This was accepted by the Committee.

On Council resuming, the Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

SQUATTERS' AMENDMENT ORDINANCE.  
The Attorney-General moved the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Squatters' Ordinance, 1890."

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

LIQUOR LICENCES ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.  
The Attorney-General—Sir, before I move the third reading of the Bill entitled, "An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Licences Extension Ordinance, 1898, and to repeal the Liquor Licences Amendment Ordinance, 1902," I beg to move that the Bill be recommitted, as I have a few formal amendments to make.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the motion was agreed to. Council then went into Committee on the Bill, and on resuming, the Attorney-General moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The Colonial Secretary seconded, and the Bill was read a third time and passed.

HIS EXCELLENCY—Council will adjourn sine die.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was then held, the Colonial Secretary presiding. The following votes were passed:—

JUDICIAL AND LEGAL.  
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) in aid of the Vote, Judicial and Legal Departments, B—Magistrate, Other Charges, New Territories, Incidental Expenses.

POLICE AND PRISON VOTE.  
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Forty-four thousand one hundred and twenty dollars (\$44,121) in aid of the Vote, Police and Prison Departments, Special Expenditure, Fire Brigade, Floating Fire Engine.

POST OFFICE.  
The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of Eighty-one thousand three hundred and fourteen dollars (\$81,314) in aid of the Vote, Post Office, Hongkong Post Office, other Charges, for the following items:—

Carriage of Mails.  
Share of Mail Subsidy ... \$34,214  
Transit Charges ... 47,000  
Total ... \$81,314

The CHAIRMAN—The vote is largely due to the increased popularity of the Siberian route.  
Hon. Mr. HENRY—You get the same postage on the Siberian route.

The CHAIRMAN—Yes, four cents.  
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai—It is just that those who make use of the Siberian route should have their excess cost borne by the ratepayers who do not make use of it?

The CHAIRMAN—It is imperial policy.

THE NEW OFFICERS OF H. M. S. "KENT".  
THEIR SERVICES.

Captain Stuart St. J. Farquhar, who has been appointed to take charge of H. M. S. "Kent" on recommissioning, entered the fleet about 31 years ago, having become a cadet in January, 1879. He was promoted lieutenant in 1885, commander in 1898, and captain in December, 1905.

Lieutenant Ralph Collins, who has been appointed first officer of the "Kent," has been 18 years in the service, and has held his present rank for the past 10 years.

Lieutenant J. C. Davis, the navigating officer, has served in the navy for nearly 15 years, and was specially promoted lieutenant for his services in North China during the war when he was a midshipman in the expedition to the relief of Peking and the operations round Tientsin (mentioned in despatches, medal with clasp).

Lieutenant J. B. Murray, the engineering officer, has an experience of 15 years in the navy, and has held his rank for four years. He is qualified to navigate a first-class battleship or cruiser.

Captain Lawrie, R.M., succeeds Captain Guy V. Robinson, R.M., at present on the "Kent." Captain Lawrie joined the R.M.L.I. 31 January, 1895, and was promoted captain in May, 1905. He served with the Navy Brigade in South Africa, and was present at the actions of Stormberg and Quezobwa, and with the Ladysmith relief force, and with the armoured train party from Durban, and commanded the expedition with charge of the Durban water supply (medal with clasp). "Natal" clasp; took part in the relief of the siege of Mafeking, and the defence of the railway station, the capture of the Pei-Yang arsenal, and the capture of the native part of Peking (medal with clasp for the service). He also served with the West African Expedition Force for some time, and shared in the brilliant Kano Sokoto Expedition, 1905 (medal with clasp); and during the troubles in Korea he commanded the Colonial Guard at Seoul. Captain Lawrie is an expert in Japanese, having qualified to act as an interpreter some years ago.

The other new officers of the "Kent" are:—Commander E. H. Rymer (talking passage in "Natal"); Lieut. R. J. Buchanan, Lieut. T. R. S. Sneyd (T), Lieut. R. E. Luback, Engineer (Commander E. J. Campbell, Engineer, Lieutenant A. B. J. Murray, Engineer, Lieutenant H. R. Mow, Engineer, Lieutenant E. C. Bowler, Fleet Surgeon G. Ley, Surgeon J. Glaister, Capt. R.M.L.I. T. E. A. Lawrie, Staff Paymaster O. R. Matthews, Asst. Paymaster B. A. Stenton, Sub-Lieut. M. K. Williamson, Sub-Lieut. V. Hammerley, Clerk L. R. Tipper.

## DEATH OF SIR WILLIAM DES VŒUX.

HIS CAREER IN HONGKONG.

It is eighteen years since Sir William Des Vœux left Hongkong, but there are still many residents in the Colony by whom he is well remembered and who will regret to read the announcement of his death in our telegraphic news this morning.

Sir William Des Vœux resigned the Governorship of Hongkong owing to ill-health, and this step marked the termination of his Colonial service, which he commenced in Upper Canada in 1861. From 1863 to 1869 he was magistrate in British Guiana. His next appointment was as Administrator and Colonial Secretary of St. Lucia, a position he filled for eleven years. In 1880 he became Governor of the Bahamas, but in the same year he was chosen for the post of Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner of the Western Pacific. In 1886 he was transferred to Newfoundland, and he was appointed to Hongkong the following year.

In 1903 Sir William published in two volumes a record of his Colonial Service, in the course of which he has given an account of his social and private life here as well as of his administrative duties he was called upon to discharge. In less than two years after his arrival in Hongkong, Sir William's health became so bad that he not only had to make a short trip to Japan, but also had to go home on leave. On that occasion His Excellency was presented with a public address, which we may here reproduce, as it succinctly enumerates the various works undertaken during Sir William's administration. The address, which was presented by the Hon. Mr. Phillips Bryce, as the Senior Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council, was as follows:—

"We, the undersigned merchants, bankers, professional men and traders, representing all classes in the Colony, to do you honour as the representative of our Sovereign Queen—Empress; in the second place, to acknowledge and thank you heartily for the good work you have done for us and for the Colony during your stay among us, and to express to you and Lady Des Vœux our extreme regret that the severe labour you have imposed on yourself on our behalf and in our service, and the cares and anxieties of government, and the last two critical years have so seriously affected your health that you have been advised to leave us at an early period in the term of your government. Your Excellency introduced yourself to us as a man of deeds, not words, and during the two and a half years which have elapsed since then you have fully justified the promise contained in the phrase, 'You have not only performed most diligently the duties which properly fall to the head of the Executive, but when death, or absence, or illness has left a vacancy in the official ranks, you have done more than you were asked to do. You have not only worked double tides in order that the public service might not suffer, but you have put the crown on your work by bringing many things about which we were almost in despair to a successful termination. Victoria College has been opened after many years of promises unfulfilled. The important question of the Gap Rock Light, after a long period of fruitless negotiations, was settled by your Excellency's vigour and determination. The troublesome question of prayer extension in front of the naval and military reservations, a matter involving so many and conflicting interests, has been finally adjusted and put in the way of early and satisfactory settlement. The general question of reclamation along the foreshore of the Colony, that other hands would probably have been debated for years, has received from you prompt attention and vigorous treatment, and has been brought to a definite conclusion. The Wong-nai-Chong Valley has been at last filled up and made useful, and the latest suggestions for its improvement have been readily accepted by your Excellency and have been put in train for speedy execution. The constantly recurring difficulties of the Chinese authorities have been met and solved, and an important step has been taken towards putting the matter upon a satisfactory basis. 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Hongkong, 16th December, 1909.

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MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, GOTHENBURG and BALIC PORTS	"CANTON"	About 5th Jan., 1910.
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SHANGHAI	"OHOYANG"	Tuesday, 21st Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA	"LOONGSANG"	Friday, 24th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTSANG"	Sunday, 25th Dec., 4 P.M.
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HAICHING Capt. W. C. Passmore	SWATOW, AMOY and FOCHOOW	FRIDAY, 17th Dec., at 10 A.M.
HAIMUN Capt. Evans	SWATOW	SUNDAY, 19th Dec., at 10 A.M.
HAITAN Capt. J. S. Rosch	SWATOW, AMOY and FOCHOOW	TUESDAY, 21st Dec., at 10 A.M.

FOR THE CONVENIENCE OF PASSENGERS, STEAMERS WILL ARRIVE AT, AND DEPART FROM, THE COMPANY'S WHARF (NEAR BLAKE PIER).

For Freight and Passage apply to—

DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & Co.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 16th December, 1909.

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## CHINA AND MANILA

STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

STEAMSHIP	Tons.	CAPTAIN	FOR	SAILING DATE.
ZAFIRO	2540	E. Rodger	Manila	On 18th Dec., 3 P.M.
RUBI	2540	E. W. Almond	Manila	On 24th Dec., 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage apply to  
Hongkong, 17th December, 1909.SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,  
General Managers.

## NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—  
SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	Tons.	SAILING DATES.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. H. Briser	9,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec., at Daylight.
	TANGO MARU Capt. A. Christensen	8,000	WED'DAY, 5th Jan., at Daylight.
	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9,000	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., at Daylight.

VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (INABA MARU leaving Hongkong 8th Jan., due Kobe 13th Jan., connects)	AWA MARU Capt. A. Keith	6,500	WED'DAY, 19th Jan., from YOKOHAMA.
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VICTORIA B.C. & SEATTLE (NIKKO MARU leaving Hongkong 19th Jan., due Kobe 25th & Yokohama 27th Jan., connects)	SANUKI MARU Capt. K. Homma	6,500	SATURDAY, 29th Jan., from KOBE.
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SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU Capt. M. Winkler	6,000	FRIDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon.

SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	CEYLON MARU Capt. F. Pyns	6,000	FRIDAY, 17th December.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sekine	5,000	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
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MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AKI MARU Capt. K. Sato	7,000	WED'DAY, 24th Dec., A.M.
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KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TAMBA MARU Capt. C. H. Butler	6,500	SATURDAY, 25th Dec., at Daylight.
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BOMBAY via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TAKASAKI MARU Capt. A. Mecker	5,000	TUESDAY, 28th December.
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NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	ATSUTA MARU Capt. Wm. Thompson	9,000	FRIDAY, 14th Jan., at Noon.
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† Through Passenger Tickets issued to the Principal Cities in the United States, Canada and Europe, in connection with the GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY and Atlantic Steamers. Round-the-World Tickets also issued. Between Nagasaki and Yokohama, 1st and 2nd Class through Passengers have the option of travelling by Rail.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chester Road.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1909.

T. KUSUMOTO,  
MANAGER.

## HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE HAMBURG.

EAST ASIATIC FREIGHT SERVICE.  
Regular Sailings from JAPAN, CHINA and PHILIPPINES, via STRAITS and COLOMBO, to HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG and to NEW YORK.

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### NEXT SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG: OUTWARD.

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA:	FOR ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
S.S. BRASILIA ... 5th Jan.	S.S. ARABIA ... 20th Dec.
S.S. SEGOVIA ... 15th Jan.	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. SAMBRIA ... 2nd Febr.	S.S. SENEGAMBIA ... 1st Jan.
S.S. ANDALUSIA ... 9th Febr.	FOR MARSEILLES & HAMBURG:
S.S. SAXONIA ... 17th Febr.	S.S. SUEVIA ... 5th Jan.
S.S. C. FRED. LAEISZ ... 27th Febr.	FOR HAVRE & HAMBURG:
S.S. AMBRIA ... 12th March.	S.S. SCANDIA ... 15th Jan.
	FOR MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG:
	S.S. SITHONIA ... 20th Jan.
	FOR MARSEILLES & HAMBURG:
	S.S. BRASILIA ... 10th Feb.

Further Particulars, apply to—

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,  
Hongkong, 7th December, 1909.

## SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, VALPARAISO, etc., via MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO and SALINA CRUZ (Mexico).
S.S. MANSU MARU ... 5000 tons gross ... Sail Dec. 19th, at Daylight.
S.S. AMERICA MARU ... 6900 " ... Febr. 5th, 1910, at Noon.

For particulars apply to

N. YAMADA, Acting Manager.  
TOYO KISEN KAISHA, King's Building.

Hongkong, 7th December, 1909.

## THOS. COOK & SON, TOURIST, STEAMSHIP & FORWARDING AGENTS, BANKERS, &c.

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YOKOHAMA

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## JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN

REGULAR THREE-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN  
JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS...	JAVA	First half of Dec.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Dec.
TJIBODAS...	JAVA	First half of Dec.	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.
TJIMAH...	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	Second half of Dec.
TJIKINI...	JAPAN	Second half of Dec.	JAVA	First half of Jan.
TJILATJAP...	JAVA	First half of Jan.	JAPAN	Second half of Jan.
TJILIWONG...	JAVA	First half of Jan.	SHANGHAI	Second half of Jan.

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian Ports on through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the—

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.  
Telephone No. 375.  
York Buildings, 1st Floor.  
Hongkong, 15th Decemb. 1909.

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## PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.

HOMEWARD PASSENGER SEASON 1910.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS  
FOR  
MARSEILLES AND LONDON.

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.  
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

STEAMERS to COLOMBO	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamers from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due FLYMOUTH (London 1 day later)
Steamer Tons	1 P.M. SATURDAY	Steamer Tons	SATURDAY	FRIDAY
ARCADIA 7000	February 5	MANITUA 11000	March 5	March 11
ASSAYE 7500	February 19	CHINA 8000	March 19	March 25
DELTA 8000	March 5	MALWA 11000	April 2	April 8
MACEDONIA 10500	March 19	(Through Steamer calling at Bombay)	April 16	April 22
DEVANHA 8000	April 2	MONGOLIA 10500	April 30	May 6
ASSAYE 7500	April 16	MARMOERA 10500	May 14	May 20
DELTA 8000	April 30	MOREA 11000	May 28	June 3
DELHI 8000	May 14	MOOLTAN 10000	June 12	June 18

Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO, and those for BRINDISI transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at PORT SAID.

Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong or at the time of Booking.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):  
1st SALOON £710 SINGLE £108.14 RETURN.  
2nd " £48.8 " £72.12 "

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WILL LEAVE FOR  
LONDON.

CARRYING SALOON PASSENGERS AT REDUCED RATES.

STEAMERS	Leave HONGKONG	Due LONDON
* SYRIA ... 6600	January, about	March, about
* SUMATRA ... 4600	February	March
* NYANZA ... 6700	February	April
* SUNDIA ... 4670	March	May
* MALTA ... 6060	April	June
* SARDINIA ... 6570	May	June
* NORE ... 6700	May	July

These Steamers call also at SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, and at MARSEILLES.

FARES TO LONDON (Including Surtax):  
1st SALOON £550 SINGLE £82.10 RETURN.  
2nd " £38.10 " £57.4 "

\* Carry 1st and 2nd Saloon Passengers.

For Further Particulars, apply to—

E. A. HEWETT,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICES, PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(Subject to Alteration).

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.  
Connecting at TACOMA with  
THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND PUGET SOUND RAILWAY  
AND  
THE CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILWAY.

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FOR	STEAMERS	Tons (Gross reg.)	LEAVES.
TACOMA via MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"TACOMA MARU" Capt. H. Yamamoto "SEATTLE MARU" Capt. T. Saito	6,178 6,182	FRIDAY, 17th Dec., at 4 P.M. FRIDAY, 21st Jan., at Noon 1910.

The Co.'s Newly Built Steamers have fair speed. Superior accommodation for steerage Passengers situated AMIDSHIP. A limited number of Cabin Passengers carried at Low Rates. Best adapted rooms for carrying Silk, Treasure and Parcels. Special attention given towards Express connection.

HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS &amp; FORMOSA SERVICE

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVES.
TAMUI via SWATOW, & AMOY	"DAIGI MARU" Capt. M. MURAYAMA	SUNDAY, 19th Dec., at 10 A.M.
TAKAO & ANPING, via SWATOW, & AMOY	"SOSHU MARU" Capt. K. SUGI	WED'DAY, 22nd Dec., at 8 A.M.

Fair Speed. Superior Passenger Accommodation. Electric Light throughout First Class Cuisine.

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Route to EUROPE.

Mails from EUROPE via SIBERIA—

Date of Despatch from London.	Date due in Hongkong.	Vessels.
26th & 27th Nov.	To-morrow	Meefoo.

The departure of the GERMAN Mail for EUROPE is postponed until further notice.

The Occasion, with the French Mail of the 19th November, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 14th inst., at 5 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday the 21st inst., at daylight. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 18th October.

FOR	PER	DATE
Swatow and Bangkok.	Profess.	Friday, 17th, 10.40 A.M.
Taipei, Ningbo and Tamsui.	Marie	Friday, 17th, 10.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong.	Hanoi	Friday, 17th, 11.00 A.M.
Ningpo and Shanghai.	Wooning	Friday, 17th, 1.00 P.M.
Manila.	Not for	Friday, 17th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai.	Typhoon	Friday, 17th, 2.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama and Tacoma.	Tacoma Maru	Friday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama.	Pembroke	Friday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila.	Tuenan	Friday, 17th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila.	Zafra	Saturday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco.	Siberia	Saturday, 18th, 10.00 A.M.
SIBERIAN MAIL TO EUROPE.		Registration, with list of 10 cents, up to 10.45 A.M.
		Registration, Kowloon B.O., 10.00 A.M.
		No late fees.
		Letters, 11.00 A.M.

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## TO-MORROW.

2.30 p.m.—Public Auction of X'mas Toys and Lace Curtains, &amp;c.

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Sunday, 19th December—Bazaar of Toys on the Catholic Union Premises.  
Monday, 20th December—Public Auction of Crown Land.  
Wednesday, 22nd December—Musical Entertainment at the Theatre.  
Wednesday, 22nd December—Public Auction of Blankets, Sheetings, Curtains, &c., by Mr. Geo. Lamont.  
Tuesday and Wednesday, 23rd and 24th—Public Auction of Naval and Victualling Stores by Messrs. Hughes & Hugh.  
Wednesday, 29th December—Annual Meeting of Shareholders, Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.

## COMMERCIAL.

## EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 16th.

ON LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	194
	Bank Bills, on demand	193
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	193
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	194
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ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand	224
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	228
ON GERMANY—	On demand	181
ON NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, on demand	433
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	442
ON HONGKONG—	Telegraphic Transfer	131
	Bank, on demand	132
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	Bank, on demand	132
ON SHANGHAI—	Bank, at sight	74
	Private, 30 days' sight	75
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand	87
ON MANILA—	On demand—Pesos	87
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand	75
ON BATAVIA—	On demand	107
ON HAIIPHONG—	On demand	71
ON SAIGON—	On demand	71
ON BANGKOK—	On demand	86
	GOVERNMENT Bank's Buying Rate	111.25
	GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tole	58.20
	BAR SILVER, per oz.	248

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	85.96 discount.
Chinese	10	85.48
Hongkong	20	85.74
Hongkong	10	85.96

## VESSELS EXPECTED.

**THE INDIAN MAIL.**  
The *Apoorva* str. *Catherine* from Calcutta left Singapore on the 10th inst. p.m., and may be expected here to-day.  
The *Indo-China* str. *Kudang* from Calcutta and the Straits left Singapore for this port on the 14th inst.

**THE FRENCH MAIL.**  
The *M.M. str. Oceanic*, with the French Mail, left Singapore on the 14th inst., at 5 a.m. via Saigon, and is expected to arrive here on or about Monday morning, the 20th inst., and will leave for Shanghai and Japan on the same afternoon.

**THE AUSTRALIAN MAIL.**  
The *N.Y.K. str. Yawata Maru* (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 10th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

**THE AMERICAN MAIL.**  
The *P.M. str. Manchuria* sails from Yokohama on the 11th inst. en route to Hongkong via Nagasaki and Manila, and is scheduled to arrive at this port on the 23rd inst.

**MERCHANT STEAMERS.**  
The *Shire* Line str. *Pembroke* left Singapore for Hongkong on the 9th inst., at 11 a.m., and may be expected here to-day a.m.

The *Austrian Lloyd's str. Persia* left Singapore for this port on the 9th inst., and is due here to-day.  
The *C.N. Co. str. Kueichow* left Tientsin on the 10th inst., and is due here to-day.  
The *C.N. Co. str. Tean* left Manila on the 14th inst., and may be expected here to-day.  
The *N.Y.K. str. Ceylon Maru* (Bounty Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 28th ult., and is expected here on the 19th inst.

The *P. & O. str. Syria* left Singapore for this port on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 19th inst., at about 4 p.m.

The *C.N. Co. str. Linan* left Shanghai on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on the 19th inst.

The *C.N. Co. str. Kaifong* left Hilo on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on the 19th inst.

The *C.N. Co. str. Siam* left Haiphong on the 14th inst., and may be expected here on the 20th inst.

The *N.Y.K. str. Hirono Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 11th inst., and is expected here on the 20th inst.

The *N.Y.K. str. Kamae Maru* (Australia Line) left Yokohama for this port via Kobe, Moji and Nagasaki on the 14th inst., and is expected here on the 21st inst.

The Danish str. *Siam* left Port Said on the 21st ult., and may be expected here on the 23rd inst.

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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 16TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS CASH.
<b>BANKS.</b>				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$995, buyers
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	27	26	\$65, buyers
Bank of Communications, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Bank, Limited	50,000	\$12	\$12	\$124, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$6, buyers
China Provident, Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	\$10	\$9.50
<b>COTTON MILLS.</b>				
Two Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 133.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$54, sellers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 30.
Laon-Kung-Mow C. Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 111.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 430.
<b>DAIRY FARM COMPANY, LIMITED.</b>	40,000	\$71	\$6	\$162, sellers
<b>DOCKS AND WHARVES.</b>				
Hongkong & Wharves & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$61, sellers
Hongkong and Wharves Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$51, sales
New Army Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$64	\$64	\$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 78.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves Co., Ltd.	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 129.
<b>GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.</b>	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
<b>HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LIMITED.</b>	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$72, sellers
<b>HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.</b>	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$210, buyers
<b>HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.</b>	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20, sellers
<b>HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.</b>	12,000	\$50	\$25	\$75, buyers
<b>HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LIMITED.</b>	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$434, buyers
<b>INSURANCES.</b>				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$150.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	30,000	\$100	\$20	\$113.
China Steamship Insurance Co., Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$92, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$375, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	16,000	\$25	\$25	\$155, buyers
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$685, buyers
Yongtse Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$60	\$230.
<b>LANDS AND BUILDINGS.</b>				
Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102.
Humphreys' Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$10	\$84, sales
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$30, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44.
<b>Mining.</b>				
Société Française des Charbon de Tonkin	16,000	Pes. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Ramb Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	21	18/10	\$74, sellers
<b>Peak Tramways Co., Limited.</b>	25,000	\$10	all	\$134, sellers
<b>Philippine Co., Limited.</b>	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$9, buyers
<b>REFINERIES.</b>				
Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$159, sellers
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$21.
<b>Robinson Piano Co., Limited.</b>	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
<b>STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.</b>				
China and Manilla Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$15	\$53, buyers
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$11, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	25	all	\$14, buyers
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited.	60,000 def.	25	all	\$6.6
Star Ferry Company, Limited	4,000,000	41	all	\$25, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$144, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$25	\$24, buyers
<b>STONES AND DISPENSARIES.</b>				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$12.
Watkins, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$7, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	5,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$4	\$123, sellers
Union Waterfront Co., Limited	100 shares	\$10	\$10	\$10, sellers
<b>RUBBERS.</b>				
Latex	—	—	—	\$75 (Sta.) buy.
Pegols	—	—	—	\$22.80 (Sta.)
Ragalls	—	—	—	\$28 (Sta.)
Anglo-Jalapa	—	—	—	14.
Castellon, Jalapa	—	—	—	51.
Consolidated Malay	—	—	—	26.10.0
Damansara	—	—	—	44.0.0
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	50.
Kanungwa	—	—	—	31. prem.
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	90.
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ANHUI, British str., 1,259, J. B. Harris, 16th Dec.—Shanghai 12th December, General—Butterfield & Swire.

BRAND, Norwegian str., 1,519, Evensen, 15th Dec.—Chinkiang 9th Dec., General—Wallem & Co.

BUSHU MARU, Jap. str., 1,968, S. Masumoto, 14th December—Moji 9th December, Coal—Order.

CHILDAR, Norwegian str., 1,102, H. Nilsen, 11th Dec.—Bangkok 1st and Hoihow 10th Dec., General—Kin Tye Lung.

CHINA, American str., 3,186, D. E. Friele, 14th Dec.—San Francisco and Shanghai 11th Dec., Mails and General—P. M. S.S. Co.

OKUTSU, Chinese str., 1,177, C. Stewart, 13th Dec.—Shanghai 10th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

DAIYA MARU, Japanese str., 1,735, Kobayashi, 9th Dec.—Yokohama 4th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bishi Goshi Kwaisha.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., 3,039, H. Pybus, R.N.E., 9th Dec.—Vancouver 18th Nov., Mails and General—C. P. R. Co.

FOOSHING, British str., 1,423, T. Lianan, 11th Dec.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 7th Dec. Dec. and General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

FUKUI MARU, Japanese str., 4,189, Y. Murakami, 14th Dec.—Moji 9th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

HAICHING, British str., 1,269, W. C. Pasmore, 15th Dec.—Coast Ports 14th Dec., General—Douglas, Leith & Co.

HALVARD, Norwegian str., 1,655, Anderson, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 4th Dec., Rice—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

HEIN CHANG, Chinese str., 1,258, J. Whitlaw, 15th Dec.—Tientsin 9th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

IDOMENEUS, British str., 4,250, R. A. Tilloston, 12th Dec.—Saigon 8th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.

JAPAN, British str., 3,606, J. G. Oliffent, 15th Dec.—Moji 9th Dec., Vancouver, General and Coal—David Sanger & Co.

KISAGATA MARU, Japanese str., 1,470, B. Ogrui, 12th Dec.—Moji 6th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

MANSHU MARU, Japanese str., 3,254, H. Nishi, 10th Dec.—Moji 4th December, General—Toyo Kisen Kaisha.

MAZIE, German str., 1,169, P. E. Christiansen, 14th Dec.—Swatow 13th Dec., Ballast—Jebsen & Co.

ONSLANG, British str., 1,787, E. S. Woolley, 10th Dec.—Java 6th Nov., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

PETCHABURI, German str., 1,373, C. Graworth, 14th Dec.—Bangkok 4th and Swatow 12th Dec., Rice and Meal—Butterfield & Swire.

PRONTO, Norwegian str., 836, Th. Soeborg, 14th Dec.—Shanghai 10th December—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

PROTEUS, Norwegian str., 1,024, C. Møller, 10th Dec.—Bangkok and Swatow 9th Dec., Rice—Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

SHAKANO MARU, Japanese steamer, 2,064, K. Nagata, 10th December—Kansu, Coal—Shanghai Tomen Co.

SHANSHI, British str., 1,228, G. W. Eady, 9th Dec.—Hainan, Horses—Chinese Military.

SIBERIA, American str., 5,655, A. Zooder, 6th Dec.—San Francisco 9th Nov., Mails and General—P. M. S.S. Co.

TACOMA MARU, Japanese str., 6,178, H. Kaimoto, 9th Dec.—Shanghai 6th December, General—Otsuka Shosen Kaisha.

TEIKENMARU, British str., 1,340, G. Edwards, 6th December—Swatow 30th Nov., Rice and General—Tomen Co.

THINSHI, Dutch str., 2,943, P. G. V. Emmerick, 15th Dec.—Batavia 5th Dec., General—Java-China-Japan Nijia.

TSUBOHISAN MARU, Japanese str., W. Nagatoku, 12th Dec. Miki 7th Dec., Coal—Mitsui Bussan Kaisha.

YAWATA MARU, Jap. str., 2,703, K. Sokuma, 12th December—Moji 7th Dec., Coal—Ataka & Co.

YUENSHAN, British str., 1,123, P. H. Rolfe, 13th Dec.—Manila 10th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YU SHUI, Chinese str., 1,079, C. Westerland, 15th Dec.—Tientsin 9th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

ZAFIRO, British str., 1,629, E. Rodger, 13th December—Manila 11th Dec., General—Sheewan, Tomen & Co.